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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING LINES REDESIGNATED Residents of Rapides Parish to Benefit

ALEXANDRIA, February 7, 2005 – The boundary lines that determine areas of Rapides Parish eligible for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development single family housing programs are being re-drawn according to Robert J. Harris, Area Director.

USDA Rural Development has conducted a review of Rapides Parish and determined that the area outside the city limits of Alexandria and Pineville, Louisiana, is rural in character, and there is a need for the single family housing program in the area. Therefore, the area of Rapides Parish outside of the city limits of Alexandria and Pineville as shown in city maps dated March 2003 and June 12, 2001, respectively, will be eligible for USDA Rural Development single family housing financing. The change will not be effective for ninety (90) days to allow for public comments.

Any comments or objections should be sent to:

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USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The Louisiana Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices, located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development's web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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